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LB 726

PRESIDENT: Well, I suppose we will get started then on agenda item #6, General File, priority bills with special order, LB 726.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 726 offered by Senators Vickers and Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 8, referred to the Public Works Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments pending by the Public Works Committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer for purposes of discussing the committee amendments. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. The committee amendment is a rather simple amendment. The bill provides that if a certain area...and I will read it. The committee amendment provides that if an adjoining township petitions for a more restrictive control, that has to be supported by at least 75 percent of its residents and 75 percent of the landowners. So if there is going to be a petition to provide more restrictive control in a township that is not inside of a control area, it has to be supported by this majority of petition signers. I move the adoption of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the committee amendments on LB 726. Seeing none, Senator Kremer, I guess that is your opening and closing. So the question is the adoption of the committee amendments on LB 726. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and the committee amendments are adopted. Ready then to have the bill explained and I believe, Senator Beutler, you are going to start out with the explanation. So the Chair recognizes Senator Beutler at this point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wish there was some way of extending those very rare and pleasant moments of unanimity that we have in this body because they are so enjoyable. I am afraid though that we are back to the bloodiest of issues, water. Let me say in opening that Senator Vickers has done the lion's share of the work on this bill but he has given me the privilege of introducing the bill to you. And I would